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October is Co-op Month

by Leta Mach



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

The Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School rents space in the Community Center.

October is Co-op Month – a time to recognize the way co-operatives, member-owned and controlled businesses, are building a better world.

Cooperatives have been building a better world since 1844 when the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers Society opened a consumer co-op store in England. The success of the pioneers came from the practices and procedures under which they operated. These practices have been updated through the years by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and they form the basis for today's cooperative principles.

In 94 countries around the world, 750,000 cooperatives serve over one billion people and adhere to the cooperative principles that help build a better world. Greenbelt's many cooperatives are part of this strong tradition and build a better Greenbelt through adherence to co-op values.

The ICA Statement on the Cooperative Identity notes, "Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, cooperative members believe in the ethical values of

honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others. The cooperative principles are guidelines by which cooperatives put their values into practice."

Cooperatives Cooperation

By working together in the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance, Greenbelt cooperatives carry out one of the most important principles, cooperation among co-operatives. Each year, alliance members organize activities for October Co-op Month. For example, alliance members – the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, the Greenbelt News Review, the Greenbelt Nursery School, the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI), the New Deal Café and the Co-op Incubator group – will be featured in the library display case. The Greenbelt movie theater will host a showing of the PBS documentary, "In the Spirit of Cooperation." On October 23, alliance members will provide co-op information at the Farmers Market. Later that day, the public is invited to a co-op party at the New Deal Café where they can sing co-op songs and play Co-opoly.

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Utopia Film Festival Features Civil Rights Films and More

by Susan Gervasi

With a special focus on civil rights and author Alex Haley's epic saga *Roots*, Greenbelt's Utopia Film Festival 2016, scheduled for October 21 to 23, will screen more than 40 independent documentaries, shorts and works of animation from around the world. Venues include the Greenbelt Arts Center, the Old Greenbelt Theatre and the Municipal Building.

At 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 22, Utopia Film Festival director Chris Haley – nephew of Alex Haley – will show clips from both the 1977 and 2016 TV docudrama versions of *Roots* and lead a panel discussion about *Roots* with experts and historians from as far away as The Gambia. The program is free, and audience members will be encouraged to participate in a question/answer session with the panel.

"I cannot believe that it's been 40 years since *Roots* was published as a gift to our nation on its bicentennial birthday," said Haley. "Unfortunately, many of the issues of racism and inequal-

ity which were addressed so memorably and emotionally in my uncle's work still resonate today. I hope that this program helps to promote renewed conversation that will again move those who attend to consider each other more as family members with challenges to overcome than strangers with arguments to win."

Utopia will also screen two rarely-seen but acclaimed documentaries, *Neshoba: The Price of Freedom* and *Mississippi Cold Case*. Both involve the Mississippi murders of three young civil rights workers during Freedom Summer of 1964, when northern college students went south to help register southern African-American voters. (See next week's News Review or visit utopiafilmfestival.org for complete schedule information.)

The slaying of James Chaney, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman shocked a nation just waking up to America's pervasive racial injustice. *Neshoba* includes powerful interviews with

families and friends of the murdered workers, Mississippians who recall the angry era and one of the suspects on trial decades later. During the search for the three, the bodies of two missing African-American men were discovered. *Mississippi Cold Case* makes a powerful documentary journey in the quest for justice by one of the two victims' brothers.

The quest for environmental preservation is also explored in this year's festival. Fracking in Western Maryland? focuses on environmentalists fighting what they fear could be the hazardous expansion of gas and oil fracking in western Maryland. Pollution in once-pristine Patagonia is the subject of *The Island* while the challenge of preserving the Peruvian Amazon is documented in *The Forest's Edge*.

Less serious short films include Fabrizio's *Initiation*, about a teenage quest for a love-nest; the darkly humorous *The Vultures*

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Council Discusses Zoning Rewrite, Standing Rules, Drug Take Back

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council started its September 26 regular meeting off with a laugh as Celia Craze, acting as city manager in the absence of both the city manager and the assistant city manager noted that "It takes one woman to replace two men." After that the meeting was all business as council changed its standing rules, approved the draft comments on Module 2 of the county's zoning rewrite, approved purchase of a secure collection box for a drug take-back program and discussed two liquor license applications.

Zoning Rewrite

Council unanimously approved comments on the draft Module 2 of the county's zoning rewrite. The draft letter and comments are available in the council packet available under Agendas and Minutes on the city's website. Prior to transmittal, the staff will add a request to implement tools to bring about an increase in affordable housing. Although the county's requested-by date for comments has passed, Mayor Emmett Jordan and Craze assured council that the city's comments are still timely.

The concerns highlighted in the letter include the omission of references to municipal standards, interests, authority and responsibility throughout the document; the exemption from sidewalk

requirements and open space set asides for one and two family developments; the treatment of townhouses as multifamily rather than single-family dwellings and the lack of a provision ensuring that the requirements of homeowner and condominium associations and cooperatives are taken into account during development review.

The zoning draft makes the Adequate Public Facilities review an administrative process, which the city questions, saying it eliminates public input and may leave the public unaware of the impact of new development on the community. In addition, the draft regulations do not recognize the

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What Goes On

Saturday, October 8

9 to 10 a.m., Free Exercise Clinic, Schrom Hills Park

9 a.m. to noon, Volunteer Event, Springhill Lake Recreation Center Gardens, followed by

noon to 2 p.m., Volunteer Celebration, Grilling in the Garden, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Music, Games, Workshop

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Public Forum on Security Cameras, Greenbriar Community Building

1 to 2:30 p.m., Annual Senior Open Forum, Community Center

1 to 4 p.m., Free Babysitting Course, Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse

Monday, October 10

5:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, October 11

7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, October 12

7:30 p.m., Green Team-Zero Waste Circle, Public Works Building

Saturday, October 15

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Public Forum on Security Cameras, Municipal Building

2 to 5 p.m., Fall Fest, Schrom Hills Park (see city ad for details)



PHOTO BY INGRID COWAN HASS

Corita and Maeve Waters help distribute mulch at Greenbelt Elementary. The school was awarded the Prince George's County Beautification Award last week.

Letters to the Editor

Popcorn Guessed At Labor Day Fest

I want to thank the almost 100 folks who tried their hand at guessing the number of popcorn kernels at this year’s Utopia Film Festival Labor Day weekend table.

The guesses ranged from 14 (I think he was about 4 years old) to 15,000.

The correct number was 1885 (it was a big jar). Three people won a coffee mug each with a guess of 1750, Richard Bates won a T-shirt with 1920 and Victor Smith hit it most closely with 1890, winning two all-festival passes.

An interesting thing about the winners. Iris Gaycken, then 11, and daughter of the manager of the Old Greenbelt Theatre, got the number exactly correct last year, and won not only first place but an official certificate identifying her as “Best Popcorn Guesser.”

This year’s winner, Victor Smith, lives in Washington, D.C. He had never as an adult been

to either Greenbelt or the theater before, and related how an uncle he never met, Mr. Linson, who died when he was very young, had been manager of the theater back in the 1940s.

Who says spirits don’t maybe sometimes whisper in our ears?

Frank Gervasi
Utopia Film Festival
Popcorn Manager

Thank You

The family of Pauline Bordas wishes to thank friends and family for your thoughtfulness and support as we celebrated her wonderful life.

A special thanks to the firemen and ladies auxiliary of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and the Police Department of the City of Greenbelt for the elaborate showing of caring and respect for a fallen member who did her share to make this a great place to work and live.

Cliff, Sandy and
Barry Bordas

AMC To Operate Theaters At Beltway Plaza Mall

Beltway Plaza Mall management announced that AMC Theaters is now operating the Academy 8 Theaters in the Mall. AMC is recognized as an industry leader and an iconic destination starting when the son of one of the original owners returned from serving in the army and took over a successful Midwestern family business.

“We are very excited that AMC Theaters is now managing our theaters as we continue to offer the best quality and most value to the community,” said Marc Kapastin, general counsel for Quantum Companies, the Bethesda-based real estate company that manages the Mall. “As we add prominent retailers to meet the needs of a growing local population, AMCs management will be a complement to our other retailers including T.J. Maxx, Target, Burlington Coat Factory, Marshalls, Giant Food and others.” Kapastin continued, “AMC will offer the best moviegoer experience along with state of the art facilities offering the latest first run movies, quality refreshments and a clean safe environment.”

Plans are underway to upgrade theaters with state of the art improvements

AMC has a history of providing new ways to delight guests by expanding its concessions stands (beyond the traditional favorites). AMC is constantly upgrading the movie presentation, including a conversion to digital projection, 3D movies and more large-screen formats like IMAX and AMCs proprietary ETX experience. AMC operates the CenterPark theaters in Calverton and renovated the theater to include expanded concession stand and reclining, reserved seats in the auditoriums.

Quantum Companies President Fred Wine said, “We always are striving to play a larger role in Greenbelt than as a retail center. AMCs partnership with Beltway Plaza is just one more way we are improving the customer’s

entertainment and shopping experience. Our customers come to Beltway Plaza Mall for events, entertainment and information about what’s going on in the community as well as convenient shopping”.

Greenbelt Participates In Purple Light Nights

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the City of Greenbelt will again be participating in the nationwide Purple Light Nights campaign, hanging banners at the Municipal Building, the Police Department and at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Representatives from Greenbelt CARES and the Greenbelt Police Department also participated in the Purple Light Night’s kickoff event at the Family Justice Center, 14757 Main Street, Upper Marlboro on October 3.

On Tuesday, October 4 an informational table was set up in the lobby of the Greenbelt Police Department, 550 Crescent Road, with informational brochures as well as purple light bulbs for those who want to show support for the victims of domestic violence by displaying lights at their residence.

The Purple Light Night campaign was started in October 2007 by The Covington Domestic Violence Task Force in Covington, Washington as a way for communities to join together and take a stand against domestic violence. Thirty-two states and Canada now take part in this campaign.

Residents are encouraged to show their support by using purple light bulbs on windows and porch lights. Citizens wanting purple lights may contact Liz Park of Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660.

For more information, visit purplelightnights.org/.



Corrections

The painting accompanying last week’s article on the Metropolitan DC Solar Homes Tour should have been attributed to Greenbelt’s own Dan Kennedy.

Exploring Diabetes, Basics and Beyond

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Greenbelter Jane DeVane on Friday, October 7. Diabetes and pre-diabetes are among the top chronic conditions in our society. This presentation will cover standard and alternative practices for diabetes management with a realistic role that nutrition plays toward overall better control.

DeVane is a clinical nutritionist and doctor of natural health. She is a senior citizen with more than 25 years of experience in diabetes management.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.



“A leaf drops! Now what?”

Cartoon by Peter Reppert. Caption submitted anonymously at the News Review caption contest, July 10, 2016.

Drop us a Line!

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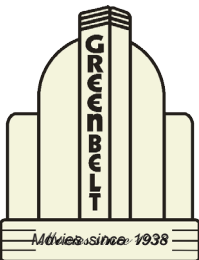
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Sun. 12:30

Mon. 5:30, 8:00 PM

Tues. 5:30PM

Wed. 2:30, 8:00 PM

Thurs. 5:30

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Mon. 1:30PM

Wed. 4:30PM

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Tues. 8:00PM

Storytime on Screen (free!):
Mon. 10:30AM

Second Presidential Debate-LIVE (free!):
Sun. 9:00PM

Co-op Film (free!):
SPIRIT OF COOPERATION
Thurs. 8:00PM

Community Events

Greenbelt Park Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 8: The Chemistry of Autumn. As the leaves change with the fall season, learn about the natural chemistry that causes the color changes of foliage in the deciduous forest of Greenbelt. Do you know what color carotene creates in leaves? Learn about this and other chemicals of flora in a Ranger Talk. Meet at Ranger Station at 1 p.m.

Saturday, October 15: Volunteer Trail Crew. Last trail crew day of 2016: Join the Greenbelt volunteer corps to improve the park through stewardship projects. This is a great opportunity to get outdoors and pay it forward while working on a trail maintenance project. Meet at the Ranger Station at 8:45 a.m. (3 hours).

Saturday, October 15: Nature Walk on Blueberry Trail. Join a park ranger for a 1-mile trail walk. Learn some of the basics for getting on the trails and explore an area popular with many visitors. Bring comfortable walking shoes and water. Meet at the Blueberry Trail at 10 a.m.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, open to the public, on Saturday evening, October 8 at the Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees may see Saturn, Mars and the Moon. After that we will try to observe Uranus, Neptune and perhaps some deep sky objects, if time permits. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 8 p.m. and continue for about two hours. There is no fee for the event. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Collect Black Walnuts For Stream Buffers

The GHI Woodlands Committee is helping the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service collect black walnuts for the Maryland Stream Re-Leaf buffer planting program. The program helps prevent erosion and otherwise helps improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay.

If you have black walnuts in your yard, you can help by gathering them into a box or heavy bag, maximum of about 25 pounds per container. Then email Ethel Dutky, edutky@email.com, for pick-up. The committee will arrange for them to be taken to the DNR drop off point. All walnuts must be collected by Sunday, October 16.

For more information about the DNR program, contact the Maryland DNR-Forest Service office in Washington County at 301-791-4733.

Senior Nutrition Menu

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

Menus for the week of October 10 are as follows:

Monday, October 10: Columbus Day Holiday.

Tuesday, October 11: Baked potato, diced turkey and shredded cheese, sour cream, crackers, mixed green salad with french dressing, fresh fruit and apple juice.

Wednesday, October 12: Chicken with mushroom gravy, garlic and red pepper penne, broccoli, dinner roll, pineapple tidbits and apple juice.

Thursday, October 13: Italian style pork, scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, cornbread, fresh fruit and grape juice.

Friday, October 14: Taco chicken with shredded lettuce and cheese, mixed beans, mexicali vegetables, flour tortilla, mandarin oranges and apple juice.

Computer Club

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its meeting on Thursday, October 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please note the location this month is the Greenbelt Youth Center Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to our discussions about the latest in computers, tablets and consumer electronics. Basic trouble-shooting advice for Windows computers and some for Apple iPad and iPhone is available.

GHI Notes

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, October 7, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 p.m., Legislative Government and Affairs Committee, Board Room.

Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee, Board Room.

Thursday, October 13, 7 p.m., Board/Finance Committee Workshop (2017 Budget), Board Room; 8 p.m., Member Input (2017 Budget), Board Room.

Monday, October 17, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Active aging week was a success in Greenbelt and Golden Age Club members took part in many activities. Everyone enjoyed taking part in the Taylor Marie Fashion show. Lunch and Bingo at Greenbriar, yoga and a free swim were some of the things that our active seniors enjoyed.

The speaker in October will be Kelly Lawson. She will speak about Fire Prevention Week.

Come out to the Open Forum on October 8 and ask questions. Get ready for the Golden Age Club Yard/Bake Sale on October 22. We always welcome guests. Come to meetings on Wednesdays and join in the activities.



Community Service Award Deadline

by Leta Mach

At its annual meeting, the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will hand a \$1,200 check to an organization to carry out a project that will positively impact the people of Greenbelt. Organizations, cooperatives and local groups are encouraged to think of a project to implement in the next year that will benefit Greenbelt. The deadline to apply for the award is October 15.

Honoring the legacy of Jim Cassels, Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of 1978 and organizer of the Co-op Supermarket in 1984, the Jim Cassels Community Service Award illustrates this year's Co-op Month theme – The Co-op Connection. Since its creation in 2006, the award has funded a variety of projects that connect and enrich this community.

Seniors to Hold Open Forum

This year's annual Open Forum, sponsored by the City of Greenbelt's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, will be held on Saturday, October 8 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. Greenbelters of all ages are invited to share their concerns about issues in the community and get direct feedback from city officials, including members of the city council and representatives of various city government agencies. Positive comments are also welcome and appreciated.

Give Blood Here

The next Red Cross blood drive in Greenbelt will be held on October 14 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center. The Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood and platelets this fall to help restock the shelves following a significant summer shortage. This will help ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need.

Events at MakerSpace

The leaves are turning colors; let's see what we're making at the MakerSpace:

Thursday, October 6: FLL Team 2 creates from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Minecraft Club meets from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, October 7: Game Night from 6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, October 8: FLL Team 3 builds from noon to 2 p.m. and Labradoodles meet from 2 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, October 9: Animation Meetup from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11: FLL Team 1 builds from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Biota meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Coder Dojo (adults) code from 8 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12: Labradoodles from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Fiber Enthusiasts from 6 to 9 p.m.

NOTE: The next Repair Cafe is Saturday, October 15.

More Community Events
are located throughout
the paper.

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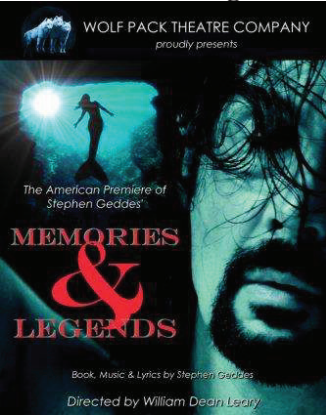
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Dinner with Friends – Nov 4 - 20 – Directed by Bob Kleinberg
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Election 2016

Voters Can Vote Early, Absentee Or at the Polls on Election Day

by Kathleen Gallagher

Looking forward to the excitement at the polls at the presidential election on November 8? Prefer to avoid the crowd? So many ways to vote, so little time! For those wishing to take a pass on their neighborhood polling place, the now-familiar options of early voting at a designated polling place and absentee voting, which can be accomplished entirely by mail from the comfort of home, are both available to all qualified voters.

Early Voting

Any registered voter can now vote early. For eight days from Thursday, October 27 through Thursday, November 3, early voting will be available daily from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Voters may vote at any early voting center within their own county. Prince Georgians may choose among eight locations.

The centers closest to Greenbelt in order of distance are the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park; the Wayne Curry Sports & Learning Center, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover; the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel; and the Bowie Gymnasium, 4100 Northview Drive, Bowie. Other centers are located in Ft. Washington, Forestville, Upper Marlboro and Brandywine. All of the county's early voting centers are accessible to voters with disabilities.

Registered voters have always been able to vote during early voting, but now individuals who are eligible but not yet registered can register and vote on the same day. To do so, go to an early voting center in the county of residence and bring a document that proves the residence address, such as a Motor Vehicles Administration (MVA) driver's license or identification card, a change of address card, a paycheck, bank statement, utility bill or other government document with the name and new address.

Absentee Voting

All registered voters are eligible to vote absentee. No reason or explanation for wanting to vote absentee is required.

Voters wishing to vote absentee must first submit an application to receive an absentee ballot from the Prince George's County Board of Elections. Applications for absentee ballots must be re-

ceived by Tuesday, November 1 to obtain the ballot by mail or fax, or by Friday, November 4 to be able to download the ballot from the state website.

How can one apply to receive an absentee ballot? There are several ways. Those who have a Maryland driver's license or an identification card issued by the MVA may apply for a ballot online. Another option is to print out an application form online and return it to the county board of elections in Largo by mail, fax or email (scanned as an attachment). The voter may also call the county board of elections and ask for a form to be mailed or go to the board office and fill one out. In applying for the ballot, the voter will designate a preference for receiving the ballot back either by mail or by email.

After the county has approved the application and sent out the ballot, the voter must either mail or hand-deliver the completed ballot to the county board office by election day, November 8. The ballot cannot be emailed or faxed. Nor can it be taken to an early voting center or polling place.

Voters who cannot go to the board of elections office themselves may designate someone to take their completed application form to the county board and pick up the ballot for them. Doing so requires completion of a designation of agent form, which is available online or from the county board of elections office. The ballot itself will contain detailed instructions for completing and returning it.

If the absentee ballot is hand-delivered, it must be received at the local board office by 8 p.m. on election day, November 8. If the ballot is mailed, it must be postmarked no later than November 8, and it must be received at the local board office no later

than 10 a.m. on November 18.

For more information about early and absentee voting, go to elections.state.md.us/voting or call the office of the local board. Contact information for the Prince George's County Board of Elections is 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774, 301-341-7300 (voice), 301-341-7391 (fax), election@co.pg.md.us (email), bocabsenteevoting@co.pg.md.us (email questions on absentee voting). Operating hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Military and Overseas Voters

Detailed information on registering to vote and voting absentee for military and other overseas voters can be found for the State of Maryland at elections.maryland.gov/overseasvoters and for the Federal Voting Assistance Program at fvap.gov.



We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Cheryl Lee Rudd. Cheryl died on September 26, 2016.

Congratulations to Greenbelt Elementary School, which has received a beautification award.

Congratulations to Kelly and Matt McLaughlin on the birth of a baby daughter. Local grandparents are Leslie and Mike McLaughlin, and Patty and David McCarty.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones, and news for the next Our Neighbors column. Send complete details on your news to kyoho@comcast.net or call 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho



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301-474-4322

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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

GAIL Assists In Medicare Open Enrollment Choices

Open enrollment begins October 15 to December 7 for Medicare Part D – prescription drug coverage. The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program office can assist Greenbelt residents in making an informed choice for their prescription coverage. During open enrollment, drug insurance companies present new formulary pricing and have the opportunity to change their premiums. GAIL program staff will also determine if one is eligible for other benefits that may reduce prescription costs. During this annual enrollment period (AEP) one can make changes to various aspects of coverage and switch from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage, or vice versa.

It is also an opportunity to switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another, or from one Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan to another. If not enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan when first eligible, do so during the general open enrollment,

although a late enrollment penalty may apply. Those wanting to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan must meet some basic criteria: must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and B; must live in the plan's service area; cannot have End-Stage Renal Disease (some exceptions apply).

Between January 1 and February 14 each year, those enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan also known as a Medicare Part C plan, can leave the plan and return to original Medicare. One cannot switch to another Advantage plan unless there is a circumstance that affords a special enrollment period. After leaving the plan, one will have until February 14 to enroll in a Part D plan that will begin the first day of the following month enrolled.

Those interested can schedule an appointment with Christal Batey, Community Resource Advocate, to review Part D plan or Medicare Advantage plan by calling 301-345-6660 ext. 2012 beginning October 10.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.

Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

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Good, clean clothes for women, men and children! Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Greenbelt Baha'i Community

1-800-22-UNITE Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com 301-345-2918 www.greenbeltbahais.org

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road) Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenyce Grindstaff, Pastor

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Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building, October 10, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION
Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS
- Presentations
- Cooperative Month Proclamation
- Nonprofit Awareness Week Proclamation
- Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- * Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- *Committee Reports

LEGISLATION
- A Resolution for the Negotiated Purchase for a Tree Master Plan from Davey Resource Group of Kent, Ohio, at a Cost of \$23,900

OTHER BUSINESS
- Revised Contribution/Recognition Group Policy
- Red Light Cameras
- Council Reports
* - Recruitment Bonus – Police Officers
* - Memorandum of Understanding – City and Greenbelt Access Television
* - Reimbursement to Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) for Insurance Coverage

MEETINGS
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

The Public Safety Advisory Committee will hold a series of Public Forums on Security Cameras

- Saturday, October 8** at 11am at Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway
- Saturday, October 15** from 11am-1pm at Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

Suggestions and feedback are requested on: Concerns relating to current security cameras, Need for additional security cameras, Suggested locations by additional cameras.
Greenbelt Police will be available to answer questions.

VOLUNTEER EVENT & CELEBRATING SUCCESS
Saturday, October 8
Springhill Lake Recreation Center Gardens
6101 Cherrywood Lane
9:00am – 12:00pm: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Fall maintenance and vegetable harvesting.
FREE Starbucks coffee and Bagel Place bagels
12:00pm – 2:00pm: GRILLING IN THE GARDEN
Enjoy music and grilled vegetables. FREE educational games and workshops
REMINDERS:

- Bring your reusable water bottles and coffee mugs
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes you don't mind getting dirty
- Bring your service-learning form to earn HOURS for high school graduation
- RSVP to Connor Roessler at 240-542-2150 or croessler@greenbeltmd.gov OR Bill and Carolyn Davis at 240-707-5252 or at Volunteer@CHEARS.org.

Please excuse our dust!

The Greenbelt Community Center is embarking on a facility-wide heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrade project. The work is expected to begin on or around October 1, 2016 and be completed in 10 weeks.

During the project, the HVAC system will be shut down for periods of time, which will affect the temperature in the facility.

The facility will maintain normal operating hours with the goal of limiting disruptions to classes, programs, events and rentals.

We appreciate your patience with this important and necessary work. For more info call 301-397-2208

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MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 10-14
Monday, October 10 at 5:30pm **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. *On the Agenda: NLC Topic - Heroin Epidemic – continuing discussion, YAC Liaison Reports, YAC Logo for T-shirts, and Chair elections*
Monday, October 10 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and streaming live at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv
Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD** at Municipal Building, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Planning for community forums and other methods to discuss police/community relations.*
Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30pm, **GREEN TEAM-ZERO WASTE CIRCLE** at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Update on Organics Task Force proposal to Council, Update on TerraCycle grant proposals, Update on County's Zero Waste Plan, Presentation by Compost Crew, Planning for November 21 Reel & Meal at New Deal Café*
The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

City of Greenbelt Participating in Purple Light Nights

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Banners are hanging at the Municipal Building, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Police Department. An information table is set up in the lobby of the Police Department at 550 Crescent Road. Informational brochures and FREE purple light bulbs are available for those who would like to show their support. They will also be available at the Greenbelt CARES office at 25 Crescent Road. If you would like more information about this program visit www.purplelightnights.org. If you have questions about Domestic Violence or need support, visit <http://www.thehotline.org/>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
2-5PM AT SCHROM HILLS PARK
6915 Hanover Parkway
FAMILY FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

\$1 Pumpkin Patch, Live Music courtesy of Just Us, Hayrides, Pumpkin Decorating, Mechanical Bull Ride, Moonbounces & Inflatables, KidCare ID's by Greenbelt Police Department, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, Community Groups Info Tables. **FANTASTIC FOOD AT AFFORDABLE PRICES!** Burgers and Hot Dogs, Nachos, Drinks & more! Courtesy of Greenbelt Babe Ruth

STICK AROUND AFTER THE EVENT OR MAKE PLANS TO RETURN TO THE PARK . . . FREE MOONLIT MOVIE "BABE" @ 7:00pm

PEPCO VEGETATION MANAGEMENT TREE REMOVAL

Pepco will be doing tree removal starting in two weeks. The work that is being done is part of the Pepco vegetation management plan that was approved in 2015.

RECYCLE RIGHT CONTEST "WIN WITH YOUR BIN"

You can win prizes by properly preparing your residential recycling bin during the week of Oct 17 – Oct 27. Five winners will be selected: one winner from each of the four City Recycling Collection Routes and one winner from a Contractual Recycling Collection Route. Make sure you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day!

Check out our website to see what goes in your bin:
<http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/curbside-recycling>
Part of the AMERICA RECYCLES DAY Celebration. America Recycles Day is on November 15. This event is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt, the Metropolitan Council of Governments and CHEARS.
For more information call 240-542-2153

DONATION DROP-OFF

Green Drop Charitable Donations
<https://www.gogreendrop.com/acceptable-items/>
Saturday, October 8, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or until the truck is full
Parking lot between City Office and Community Center
Info: 301-474-8308

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee

For more info: cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov

GET OUT, GET FIT! Free Exercise Clinic
Saturday, October 8 9:00-10:00am
Schrom Hills Park 6915 Hanover Parkway

Visit the new outdoor fitness zone for one of our free exercise clinics. Each session will feature circuit training and HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) using your own body weight. Stations of cardio, strength, plyometrics and core training will be included. All levels of fitness welcome!
Info: 301-397-2200

ANNUAL SENIOR OPEN FORUM
Saturday, October 8 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Ctr., 15 Crescent Rd., Rm. 201

This is your chance to speak and be heard about Greenbelt issues that concern you.
Sponsored by the Greenbelt City Council's Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Free Babysitting Course
October 8, 1-4:00pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse
6101 Cherrywood Lane

This course is targeted towards students completing grades 5-8 (10-13 years of age). Students will learn responsibilities and safety regarding babysitting and handling emergency situations. Students should bring a pencil or pen. They will receive a packet of information, a certificate of completion and an opportunity to enroll in Greenbelt CARES Odd Jobs/Job bank. To register contact Judy Hering, jhering@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-345-6660.

FIT 'N' FUN CARDIO

Participants experience a variety of cardio including dance, boot camp, weights and floorwork set to great music! You will need to bring weights, water and a mat, jump rope is optional.

M/W/F 10:00am-11:15am
Community Center Rm 106
Drop-in: R: \$4, NR: \$5
Instructor: Judy Cocchiaro
Info: 301-397-2208

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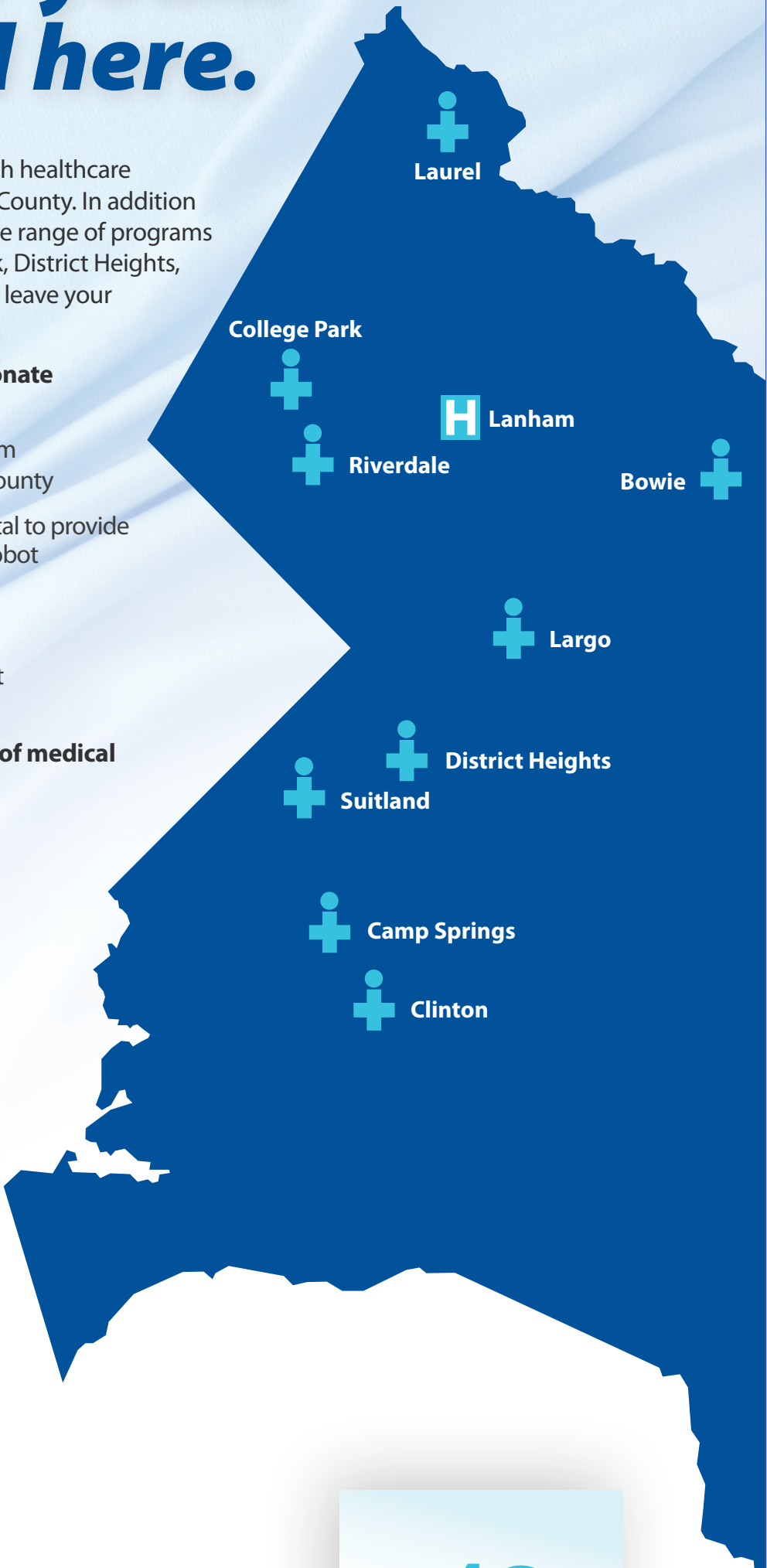
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- + Bariatric and Weight Loss Center – the county's first hospital to provide bariatric weight loss options using the daVinci® surgical robot
- + Center for Comprehensive Breast Care – the first center with a dedicated breast surgeon in the county
- + Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services – the area's largest lymphedema program

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- + Cardiology Services and Outpatient Vascular Studies
- + Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine
- + Comprehensive Orthopedic Services
- + Doctors Community Rehabilitation and Patient Care Center (transitional care)
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Greenbelt Aquatic Center Celebrates a Quarter Century

by Julie Depenbrock

The Greenbelt Aquatic Center, now the Aquatic & Fitness Center, celebrated its 25th anniversary Saturday with a gathering of city council members, a full schedule of activities, and, of course, cake.

“Twenty-five years later and we’ve got a facility that looks as good as the day it opened,” said Celia Craze, director of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

The facility now sports a translucent Kalwall roof, as well as new fitness equipment and flooring.

A city-sponsored project, the indoor aquatic center opened its doors in September 1991. The fitness center followed two years later.

The first publicly operated outdoor pool in the state, Greenbelt’s original swimming pool opened on Memorial Day in 1939. It was reconstructed in 1988.

“Greenbelt citizens have always been very supportive of the recreation department,” Assistant Director of Recreation Joe McNeal said. “This is not an inexpensive facility to build or operate, but it gets a lot of use.”

The adopted budget for the aquatic center in 2016 was \$1,095,000 and the revenue so far about half that, according to Greenbelt’s recreation budget report.

“We’re always looking to do better,” McNeal said.

A yearlong membership for an adult Greenbelt resident costs \$249; for children, \$116.

Councilmember Silke Pope plans on renewing her membership.

“I used to work out all the time when I was younger,” Pope said. “I want to take better care of myself.”

Julie Andrus and Carol Mealey are familiar faces at the front desk of the aquatic center. Andrus has been working there 20 years and Mealey 15.

“People come in, happy to see someone they know,” Andrus said. “They say ‘you’re still here?’”

Andrus has seen the demographics of the town change from behind the front desk.

“It’s an interesting town because there are a lot of older people,” Andrus said. “We see a lot of transition and growth, too.”

Kids who come in for swim lessons will often join the swim team, the Barracudas, and even become lifeguards later on.

Both Andrus and Mealey have had children who also worked at the aquatic center.

The facility, which is open on holidays, gives people a place to land who might not have anywhere else to go. “We feel like a family. How many places can say that?” Andrus said.

Julie Depenbrock is a University of Maryland graduate student studying journalism and writing for the News Review.



PHOTO BY JULIE DEPENBROCK

Patrons enjoy the pool at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Explore Your Greenbelt

Best of Coffee House Show Stars Musical Students

by Yeri Zinn

Student musicians will perform at the next Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Best of Coffee House show on Friday, October 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. This event concludes Explore Your Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Community Foundation’s 10th anniversary celebration.

Somewhat shy, student Alyssa Mei-Malenab was transformed at an ERHS coffeehouse when she sang in front of friends and fellow students. At the coffeehouse, strangers treat each other like “genuine best friends” because “there’s just something beautiful and mysterious about the way music bonds people.”

Mei-Malenab is active in the ERHS music department. She learned piano and violin from her mother. She considers being a musician an integral part of her identity. After Mei-Malenab and her mother emigrated from the Philippines to the U.S., she began to teach herself how to write music and truly loves music.

ERHS music classes have allowed her talents to flourish.

She has taken guitar and piano classes and met many students and teachers who have guided her as a musician. One of her greatest musical and community accomplishments was rejuvenating the ERHS female a cappella group, the Pearls. Mei-Malenab successfully raised awareness about the group and its purpose. The Pearls became ERHS’s first a cappella group to attend the 2016 SingStrong D.C. High School Competition.

Mei-Malenab will likely perform at the Best of Coffee House show because “being on stage and performing is exhilarating.” Join the fun October 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at ERHS. There is a charge for admission.

Sponsored by Paradyme Management, Beltway Plaza and the Greenbelt News Review, Explore Your Greenbelt is a series of events celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Greenbelt Community Foundation through the programs it has funded.

Yeri Zinn is an intern working with the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

Mysterious Flood Damages Historic Greenbelt Museum

by Karen Yoho

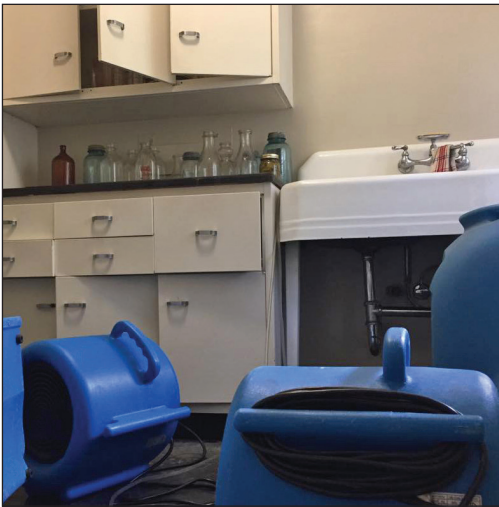
Greenbelt Museum volunteers reported for their shift last Sunday, October 2, to find standing water on the first floor of the museum at 10-B Crescent Road. They acted quickly, informing the Museum Director and Curator Megan Searing-Young, who called into action the City of Greenbelt Public Works staff, Greenbelt Homes emergency crew, and a water abatement company. Additional museum volunteers came to assist in moving furniture, textiles, and artifacts to the adjoining house at 10-A Crescent Road.

As of Tuesday, they had yet to determine the cause of the water entering the home. “The good news is that it appears that the artifacts that did get wet, will not suffer permanent damage,” said Searing-Young.

The Museum will be closed until further notice. Museum gift items will be available at the annual Festival of Lights Craft Show and Sale, December 3 and 4, at the Greenbelt Community Center.



Historic furniture has been removed and fans dry out the Greenbelt Museum at 10-B Crescent Road.



Photos by Karen Yoho

Homeschoolers Meet

Greenbelt homeschoolers meet Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the playground near the Greenbelt Museum. Inclement weather location is the Library. They also meet Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Library. Inclement weather location is the Library kids section. Bring a favorite board game to share. This group does not meet on major holidays.

On Thursdays, homeschoolers meet 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Youth Center Multipurpose Room for games and activities. Bring a bag lunch if desired. (Does not meet when county public schools are not in session.)

Everyone is welcome to attend.

ANNUAL GREENBELT HEALING ARTS DAY

Tuesday Oct. 18, 2016 - 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center

Free – All Ages Welcome

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• ACUPUNCTURE • SHIATSU • HEALING LIGHT

• YOGA & AURA PICTURES • MEDITATION

• HYPNOSIS • TECHNOLOGY USE & SAFETY

DEATH CAFE

Death Cafe: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Room 114 - Free and Open to the Public

At a Death Café people drink tea, eat cake and discuss death. Our aim is to increase awareness of death and to help people make the most of their (finite) lives.

Greenbelt Community Center

25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt

Contact: Margaret Capurso 301-560-6002

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135 Crescent Road

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DESSERTS BY KATIE

GIVE BLOOD
GIVE LIFE

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city’s independent authority nor involve city police in the evaluation of adequacy or mitigation of impacts.

Craze discussed the impact of the rezoning on the “Hillman Proposal” for high-rise apartments adjacent to the existing Lakeside North Apartments. Craze says that current multifamily zoning allows 12 to 20 units per acre. The maximum density under the rezoning proposal is 48 units per acre. The Hillman proposal calls for 80 units per acre, which would still be unacceptable under the draft rewrite. She also noted that the county has committed to not upzoning property under cover of the zoning rewrite.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts disputed that, saying that allowing commercial uses “by right” in residential areas amounts to rezoning property. Craze confirmed that the draft would allow some neighborhood-serving uses in residential zones. By permitting complementary uses in what are now single use zones, the rewrite seeks to create more dynamic neighborhoods, she said.

Standing Rules

Council’s standing rules are the policies and procedures by which council operates. It covers such things as when council meets, provides for special meetings, worksessions and executive (closed) sessions, how meetings are announced and many other details. Council last revised its standing rules in 2012 and introduced a resolution updating those rules at its last regular meeting.

Some of the changes were to reflect how the city is using technology such as eliminating language regarding copying and mailing various materials. In addition, the resolution shifts the responsibility for excusing a councilmember from voting from the chair to a supermajority of council.

Other changes were more controversial. The resolution changes the language regarding requests for meetings related to city business with other parties to add elected officials to the list of outside parties meetings with whom councilmembers must inform their colleagues about in advance. There was prolonged, sometimes heated discussion of the meaning and need for this change, but in the end council left it as written.

For the first time, the new rules will allow councilmembers who are unable to physically attend the meeting to participate and vote remotely by telephone, Skype or other means if certain conditions are met and a supermajority (50 percent plus one) of councilmembers physically present agree.

Roberts objected to this change based on its impact on public input and concerns that council may not treat all councilmembers equally. The other councilmembers appeared confident that the requirement for a supermajority would ensure that the privilege was not abused and the provision remained in the resolution.

A new provision under “Right to Floor” states “When possible, members of council shall not take positions on foreign or national issues that do not affect the City.” Some concerns were raised as to how council would decide whether an issue affects the city but in the end, council let the new language stand.

In recent discussions, council has grappled with how to improve the timeliness of responses to petitions and requests. At the suggestion of Jordan and Councilmember Leta Mach, council added a requirement that when petitions are referred to city staff, petitioners and council are to be apprised of the disposition “within 90 days, if possible.” Jordan stated that at 90 days there may not yet be a final disposition, in which case staff would report on the status of its review. Roberts objected to staff disposing of petitions without council review and approval but his concern was not shared by his colleagues.

The revised standing rules were approved on a 6 to 1 vote with Roberts opposed.

Drug Take Back

Council unanimously approved the purchase of a roughly \$2,000 security cabinet to be installed at the police station so that citizens may dispose of prescription and controlled drugs at any time. Council also encouraged the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) and the police department to continue to hold drug take back days twice a year. PSAC Vice Chair Laura Kessler reported that the next take back day will be October 22.

Liquor Licenses

Council discussed and took no positions on two liquor license applications. Willy K’s is applying for a Special Entertainment Permit that will allow them to card patrons and search bags and backpacks upon entry. Under their current license, they can only card when a patron seeks to purchase alcohol and cannot search bags and backpacks. Manager Kobi Manful said there would be no change to their entertainment schedule.

The Shell Food Mart on Cherrywood Lane is seeking to take advantage of a recent change in state law that would allow it to convert its license to sell beer to a beer and wine license.

Other Actions

Without discussion, council

accepted the resignation of Jeffrey Keenan from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and agreed to support a statewide ban on hydraulic fracking and to support the county’s request for a public art grant.

Library Bookstore Needs More Books

What happens to a book when one finishes reading it and no longer wants to keep it? The bookstore right here in the town library is sorely in need of clean, gently-used books and DVDs.

Greenbelt has always been generous in giving to the bookstore. Has that changed because people aren’t buying new books? Or is it because the Discover book donation bin outside the building is more convenient than bringing books into the library? The Discover bin does not benefit the library. Whatever the reason, there currently are very few books to offer.

The library itself provides some withdrawn books, but not enough to keep the bookstore going. The Friends of the Greenbelt Library run the bookstore and helps the library with funds for Teen Zone, Storytime, Bibliobop and other events.

If anyone has books to contribute, consider bringing them to the Circulation Desk in the library.

No textbooks, reference books or computer books, please.

Delegate Washington Holds Public Forum

Delegate Alonzo Washington invites the community to join him for the first public meeting of the Prince George’s Promise Scholarship Task Force to discuss implementing a free community college at Prince George’s Community College.

The public forum will take place on Monday, October 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. at DuVal High School, 9880 Good Luck Road.

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Concern for Community

Greenbelt cooperatives also strongly support concern for community, a principle that was added in 1995. The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union annually sponsors two shredding days. The Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy offers free space to the Greenbelt Elementary School for the collection of books prior to the Labor Day Festival and to other non-profit groups for bake sales and other fundraisers. Members of the Greenbelt Nursery School find that they build lifelong friendships that build their community. The New Deal Café provides a gathering place for many groups and through the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts sponsors music festivals in Roosevelt Center. GHI committees are focused on many community issues and the Greenbelt News Review provides a community outlet for divergent views in its letters to the editor.

Education

The principle of education, training and information is crucial to the continued success of cooperative businesses. Greenbelt co-ops provide this in many ways with a highlight being participation in the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance to explain cooperative business to both co-op members and nonmembers. In addition to fulfilling its purpose of disseminating information, the Greenbelt News Review also works with college journalism students to further their education. The Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy holds sampling of products and offers consumer information including factsheets and recipes.

GHI sends email and printed newsletters and holds town hall meetings on relevant topics. The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union has financial counseling and education for members through GreenPath Financial Wellness. And, the purpose of Greenbelt Nursery School is to provide an enriching educational environment for young children and their parents.

Members

Members of a cooperative build a better world economically by working together. Members of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union receive dividends and low loan rates. As not-for-profit organizations, credit unions generally offer better rates than for-profit banks. Members of GHI can find affordable homes. Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy members receive an annual patronage dividend based on the financial performance of the store. Likewise, members of the Greenbelt News Review may receive a dividend that depends upon the financial success of the paper. The volunteer work of Greenbelt Nursery School members helps the school provide quality early childhood



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

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GREENBELT COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE



Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance

Celebrate Co-op Month 2016 in Greenbelt

Oct. 10

8 pm City Proclamation of Co-op Month, Municipal Center

Oct. 13

8 pm PBS documentary “In the Spirit of Cooperation”, Old Greenbelt Theatre

8 pm

GHI Member Input Session: Planning 2017 Budget, GHI

Oct. 17 - 28

GFCU Fall Auto Sale special terms and a car buyer service

Oct. 17 - Nov 14

GCA Display in Greenbelt Library

Oct. 18

10 am-2 pm GHI & City Sponsored Health Fair, Community Center

Oct. 19

4:30pm-6:30pm Diet to Go Program, GCS&P

Oct. 20

8:30 am-2 pm International Credit Union Day; Refreshments in GFCU lobby

Oct. 23

10 am-2 pm GCA Booth at Farmers Market

2 pm-4 pm

GCA Party at the New Deal Café

Oct. 26

9 am-9pm Patron Appreciation Day, GCS&P

4-7pm

Delectables: Pumpkin Mousse, GCS&PP

Oct. 29

9 am-noon GFCU Shredding Day, behind the Credit Union

Oct. 31

3-5 pm Trick or Treat at GHI Offices

4 -7 pm

Tasting of Co-op Winemakers’ Wines, GCC

5 pm

Seasonal and Savory Demonstration, GCC

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Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

September 21, 12:41 a.m., 9100 Edmonston Road. A cab driver picked up two men who asked to be driven to Laurel. After a minor fare dispute the men told the driver to stop the cab. One of the men punched the driver in the face while the other man removed the key from the ignition and kept it. Both men then fled on foot. The driver refused treatment for a facial laceration.

September 27, 10:56 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. Two men entered Safeway and went to the pharmacy where one of them jumped the counter and removed prescription medicines from the shelves. When an employee confronted them, one of them stated he had a gun. Both men then fled on foot.

Theft

September 22, 12:50 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended wallet was taken from the counter at Subway.

September 22, 3:30 p.m., 07200 block Mathew Street. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

September 23, 9100 block Edmonston Road. Officers responded to a report of a vehicle tampering in progress and found a man inside a vehicle with a side window broken out. He fled on foot. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

September 24, 6:20 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken from the counter at Casual Male XL.

September 24, 8:15 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. An unattended cell phone was taken from the counter at Shell Food Mart.

September 27, 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A woman reported that a man reached into the open window of her vehicle and removed a handbag containing a laptop computer. He then fled on foot. The handbag and laptop were recovered a short time later in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road.

September 28, 3:25 p.m., 100 block Centerway. Two men were having a general conversation when one of them commented about the wallet the other man had. The man with the wallet let the other man handle it and then became distracted, at which time the man handling the wallet left the area with it. He is described as being white, 30 to 40 years old, 5'9" tall, 190 pounds, riding a red bicycle.

Trespass

September 23, 5:39 a.m.,

5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A 25-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Franklin Park apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

September 28, 4:59 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A 20-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with trespass, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after she was located on the grounds of Franklin Park apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglary

September 26, 9:20 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A woman inside her residence saw a man walk by her apartment and look inside the windows as he passed by. She then heard someone attempt to enter the front door. The man then broke out the bedroom window and fled on foot. He is described as black, 20 to 30 years old, 5'9" tall, 260 pounds, wearing a black ball cap, grey pants and a black short sleeve shirt with stripes on the sleeves.

Vandalism

September 23, 2:30 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A balcony door was shattered during a dispute between two neighbors. One of the people said it was accidental and agreed to pay for the damage.

Vehicle Crime

Four tires and rims were taken from each of two vehicles, one in the 100 block Westway and the other in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. Four wheel center caps were taken in the 6400 block Capitol Drive.

Passenger windows were broken and damage to the interior occurred in two attempts to steal stereo equipment from two vehicles. The attempt was successful in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive but not in the 200 block Lakeside Drive.

A drivers side window was broken out in 1 Court Laurel Hill Road and a watchband was removed.

Three acts of vandalism were reported. A fuel hose was cut in the 9100 block Edmonston Court and a hole was drilled into a gas tank in the 8000 block Mandan Road. Paint was scratched in the 6200 block Breezewood Drive.

Social Media Threats Disrupt Schools

Threats on social media circulated October 2 prompted additional county and city police deployment at county schools on Monday. Public schools opened as scheduled, with some students relocated to more secure spaces.

Prince George's County Public Schools stated, "...local law enforcement has deployed additional officers at schools throughout the county as a precaution."

Prince George's Police Department tweeted, "We will have additional officers at schools out of an abundance of caution. We take these threats seriously."

The tweets named specific public schools, including Charles H. Flowers, William Wirt and Kenmore. While no Greenbelt schools were threatened, Eleanor Roosevelt High School relocated students from temporary classrooms to the auditorium. Elizabeth Seton High School was closed. According to Prince George's County police, two arrests were made on Monday and Tuesday in connection with these cases.

To report any information, contact Prince George's County Police Department at 866-411-TIPS.

Winter Accessories To Help Students

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union is inviting members of the education community to donate new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and socks to help students in need through its Warming Hearts and Hands program. New winter clothing accessories for K-12 and community college students can be dropped off at any of the Credit Union's 12 branch locations between October 3 and December 3, 2016, including the Greenbelt branch located at 7500 Greenway Center Drive, Suite 1400.

Educational Systems FCU has sponsored Warming Hearts and Hands for the past three years. In 2015, 1,000 items were provided to students in eight Maryland counties, including Prince George's. In addition to Credit Union members and volunteers donating items, employees also raised nearly \$4,000 to help make a difference.

County Will No Longer Pay For High School AP Exams

by Anne Gardner

High school students taking the rigorous college-level Advanced Placement (AP) courses this year have been left in the lurch, as Prince George's County announced last week that they are no longer going to pay for the AP exams. The cost of each exam is typically \$93 and some are more expensive. Some students take several AP exams in their junior and senior years, so this can add up to a significant amount of money.

Previously these costs were covered by the county, with some funding coming from the federal and state levels. However, this year, due to budget cuts and different spending priorities, the county will only cover the cost of exams taken by students who are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

AP courses are college-level courses offered in high schools. Some colleges will give credit for these classes if the student receives a high enough score, which means parents do not have to pay tuition for their child to take that class in college, thus potentially saving a lot of money. Other colleges do not give credit but will allow a student to jump ahead to a higher level class in that subject. Regardless of whether or not they receive

college credit, taking AP classes helps students to get accepted at competitive colleges. In fact, the expectation is that bright students will take several AP classes, if offered at their high school. Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) typically has students taking a total of about 180 AP exams each year.

Since this funding change was only announced towards the end of September, after classes had already started, students were already signed up for AP classes in the expectation that the exams would be paid for. Now, however, parents will have to come up with a significant amount of money or their student will not be able to take the exam, even after completing the coursework. Also, when students are signing up for classes for next year, they may choose not to sign up for AP classes because they cannot afford to pay for the exams, thus diminishing their chances of acceptance into the best colleges.

The ERHS Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) has started a fund to help defray the cost of AP exams at the school, and they are hoping that the wider community will help by making donations to that fund. For more information go to erhptsa.weebly.com.



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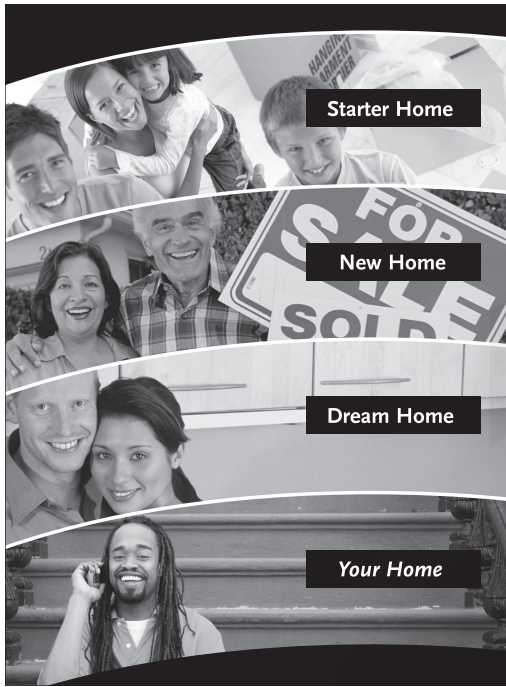
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The event will be held Monday, October 10, starting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 at the Community Center. Prince George’s County Peace and Justice Coalition is the sponsor so that local voters can be better informed.

How might these new council seats serve the greater public interest?

Spokespersons pro and con on Question D are expected: a representative of District 4 Councilmember Todd Turner for a yes vote, which is supported by a number of county officials; local activists Suchitra Balachandran and Tom Dernoga, a former county councilmember are on the no side, also favored by a federation of local civic associations.

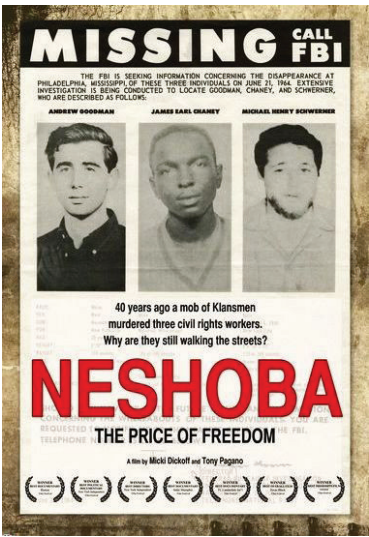
The sponsors hope many will attend, both to listen with an open mind and to raise critical questions during the discussion.

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about the perils of greed; and The Recursion Theorem, a film noir sci-fi fantasy that’s both nightmarish and funny.

Utopia, now in its 12th year, annually seeks films that reflect the idealistic origins of Greenbelt, which First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt called “the first garden community in the land, planned for the uplift and unfolding of the human spirit.” This optimistic utopian spirit is particularly reflected in two of this year’s documentaries. A Bold Peace explores how and why Costa Rica abolished its military to expand social programs for its people and Manufacturer of Dreams looks at a poverty-stricken area of Italy that intentionally remade itself into an idealistic utopia for artists and art.

A free Sunday morning program of kids’ films and a free documentary filmmaking workshop will also be part of this year’s Utopia, a non-profit project of Greenbelt Access Television (GATe).



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Nationwide Musical Festival Protest Against Gun Violence

by Jim Link



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Melissa Sites sings and plays guitar at the Concert Across America in Roosevelt Center.

The City of Greenbelt expressed her solidarity with dozens of sister cities across the U.S. against the gun violence that afflicts our nation, on Sunday, September 25, the date designated by Congress as Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims.

From noon to 5 p.m. in Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt joined hands metaphorically, musically and politically with New York, Boston, Los Angeles, Nashville, San Francisco and Atlanta, to name just a few participating cities.

There were 350 events nationwide with more than 1,000 artists and performers helping to raise our national consciousness at the Concert Across America to End Gun Violence.

The musicians volunteering their talents at Roosevelt Center included The Gliders, Tom Gleason, Andrew Hennessey, Melissa Sites, Martha Heil and Jim Riordan. The performances were punctuated by remarks from Donna Hoffmeister, Mayor Emmett Jordan and the Reverend Fay Lundin of Mowatt Methodist Church.

The event's primary organizers were Hoffmeister and Eileen Noll, who said, "Well, the blame can be spread around. Pastor Fay Lundin nudged me, said 'Make it happen!'" Dan Hamlin (former pastor of Greenbelt Community Church) got Donna to help out, thank heaven. It's the first time I've ever done something like this – getting a city permit and so forth."

Noll further commented that "this is very serious business.

People are dying! If you are not affected by gun violence, you aren't paying attention. Silence is complicity!"

In her remarks, Hoffmeister emphasized that "this is not about taking away guns. We want common sense legislation that will help save lives without infringing on the Second Amendment. A 72-hour waiting period on gun purchases would make sense, right?"

Hoffmeister supplied a stat sheet filled with chilling facts about gun violence in America. Merely two are: More than 30,000 Americans die from firearms each year. (In the nine-year war in Vietnam, 57,000 Americans died.) Most deaths caused by firearms are accidental or due to suicide or domestic violence.

Hoffmeister urged the crowd to write personal letters to their congressional representatives and to sign the petition online at Concert Across America.

Glen Gardner said, "We need to change the culture that glorifies gun possession, banish our prevalent war mentality. We need to improve mental health programs, too. Crazies alone are tolerable, but crazies with guns are not."

Several attendees appreciated the sad irony that, just a few months ago, one of our own Greenbelt citizens committed suicide with a pistol in front of Lenore Thomas's Mother and Child statue, virtually on the very spot where the beautiful music floated upward on a glorious autumn afternoon.

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education at a modest cost.

Democratic

The principle that cooperatives maintain their autonomy and independence is closely linked to the principle of democratic control. Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. As such, they hold annual meetings and elect a board of directors to set policy. The Greenbelt News Review and the Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy hold annual meetings in the fall and they both have seven board members. The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, GHI and the Greenbelt Nursery School hold their annual meetings in the spring. The Credit Union has seven board members plus three credit committee members who are elected. GHI members elect nine board members, three audit committee members and five nominations and elections committee members. The nursery school board is comprised of seven committee chairpersons, four elected executive members and the school's director and administrator. Many co-ops, such as GHI, the Greenbelt Nursery School, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and the Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy, hire managers to run the day-to-day business of the co-op.

Voluntary

Voluntary and open membership is the first principle listed by ICA. In many respects this is because cooperatives are membership organizations and without member support they will fail. Co-ops are open to all people able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership. When a family enrolls in Greenbelt Nursery School, they become members of that co-op. Their responsibilities include participating in every aspect of the school's operation from governance to

fundraising to maintenance. After finding a GHI home, potential members apply for membership and their responsibilities include paying their monthly co-op fee, which includes taxes, reserves contributions, maintenance, insurance on the structure, trash collection and administrative costs. Volunteers who work regularly become members of the Greenbelt News Review. With as little as \$10 people become members of the Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy. When their capital account is \$100 or higher, they become voting members. A critical member responsibility is to shop at the store. Members of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union also have a responsibility to use the Credit Union's services and maintain a minimum balance in their share savings account, which makes them members of the financial co-op.

Build a Better World

Cooperatives build a better world by providing their member/owners a variety of services and giving their member/owners a say in how the business is operated. In the United States, more than 350 million people are members of approximately 29,000 cooperatives. These co-ops are investing in people and their communities to build a better world.

Many surveys have shown that people trust cooperatives and prefer to do business with cooperatives because of their values and principles discussed here. These are the internationally recognized principles of cooperative organizations; the principles under which Greenbelt's many cooperatives also operate.



The New Deal Café and GHI Offices.
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